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For: MICROORGANISMS AND PLASMIDS FOR 2,4-DICHLOROPHENOXYACETIC ACID (2,4-D) MONOOXYGENASE FORMATION AND PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THESE PLASMIDS AND STRAINS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 1991, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 18, line 3: Delete "9" and insert --48--.
Claim 35, line 3: Delete "9" and insert --48--.

46. (Amended.) A recombinant gene of claim 45, wherein the DNA sequence is

the structural gene sequence of Figure 10, except that the initiation codon is ATG,

a DNA sequence differing therefrom by codon degeneracy, or

a DNA sequence hybridizable therewith <u>or its</u>

<u>complement</u>, <u>wherein the sequence or its complement codes for a polypeptide having said biological activity</u>.

REMARKS

Entry of the proposed amendments after final rejection is respectfully solicited. The first two amendments merely correct the dependency of claims 18 and 35, which were inadvertently omitted in the previous response, to depend from claims which

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